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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Shai-San Gong, et al : Before the Examiner:
Lilian Newgen
Serial No.: 09/316,754 : Group Art Unit: 2127
Filed: May 21, 1999 :
Title: EFFICIENT SCHEMA FOR IBM Corporation
STORING MULTI-VALUE ATTRIBUTES : Intellectual Property Law
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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of December 6, 2002 (Paper No. 4), with a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on March 6, 2003, please amend the above-referenced Application as follows:

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8

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